

REMARKS

The timely filed Reply is in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-18 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

Claims 1-3, 5, 15, 16 and 18 were rejected as being obvious based on previously cited art Shin in combination with newly cited Miller or Soltis. Claims 6-9, 11-14, and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but were determined to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 6 recites "wherein said system includes a motor for rotating said trapping device".

In this Reply, claims 1, 7, 12, 15-17 have been amended, claim 6 has been cancelled, and new claim 19 has been added.

Applicants respectfully disagree that former claims 1-3, 5, 15, 16 and 18 are obvious based on Shin in combination with Miller or Soltis, at least because Miller's filter nor the screen disclosed by Soltis are reasonably combinable with Shin's system. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended the independent claims to recite objected to, but allowable, former dependent claims. Specifically, claim 1 (trapping system) has been amended to include the "motor for rotating said trapping device" limitation that had been recited in former claim 6 which was determined to include allowable subject matter. Related system claim 15 (refrigeration system including a trapping system) has also been amended to now recite the "motor for rotating said trapping device" limitation that had been recited in former claim 6. Accordingly, amended claim 1 and its respective dependent claims, as well as amended claim 15 are now all allowable claims.

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Claim 16 (method) has been amended to now recite the rotating step that had been recited in claim 17. Accordingly, amended claim 16 and its respective dependent claims are now allowable claims.

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the cited art, and it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned (at 561-671-3662) if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees due with the filing of this document and during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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